

HOUSE RESOLUTION 135

By Weaver

A RESOLUTION to recognize David R. Oyster on his receipt of the Boy Scouts of America's Silver Beaver Award.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this legislative body should salute those citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is David R. Oyster, who was recently honored with the Silver Beaver Award by the Middle Tennessee Council of the Boy Scouts of America for his outstanding leadership and service; and

WHEREAS, the Silver Beaver Award is the council-level distinguished service award of the Boy Scouts of America; recipients of this prestigious award are registered adult leaders who have made an impact on the lives of youth by implementing the Scouting program and performing community service through hard work, self-sacrifice, dedication, and many years of service; and

WHEREAS, David Oyster's commitment to Scouting includes serving as a member of the Order of the Arrow, cubmaster, assistant scoutmaster, and scoutmaster on the unit level; unit commissioner, district roundtable cub scout commissioner, assistant district commissioner, and district commissioner of the Walton Trail District; and merit badge counselor, wood badge staff MT61, MT62, and MT63, OLS staff in the Black Fox District, and staff member for five years of the University of Scouting, from which he received a Bachelor of Commissioner Science degree and a doctorate degree; and

WHEREAS, prior to his receipt of the Silver Beaver Award, Mr. Oyster received the Tiger, Cub Scout, and Webelos Den Leader Award, Wood Badge Training SR1076, Cubmaster

Award, Arrowhead Honor, Friends of Scouting Award, Unit Leader Award of Merit, and the District Award of Merit; he was also named the winner of the Middle Tennessee Cobbler Challenge in 2012; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of Tennessee Technological University, David Oyster currently serves as systems administrator for the Tennessee Department of Treasury; and

WHEREAS, a veteran of the United States Navy, Mr. Oyster served in Operation Desert Shield and received the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal for his service; and

WHEREAS, David Oyster was also a Rotary International Exchange Student and a participant in LEAD Tennessee, a statewide leadership program for emerging leaders; in addition, he attended the Tennessee Highway Patrol Citizens Academy in 2015 and the Tennessee Department of Corrections Citizens Academy in 2016; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of his commitment to his profession and his community, Mr. Oyster was the nominee of the Outstanding Agency Information Technology Professional of the Year award, the United Methodist Cross and Flame Award, and the State Treasurer's Departmental Award for Excellence and Innovation for three consecutive years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Oyster is deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavors to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, David Oyster is the proud and loving father of two children, Morgan and Coleman; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Oyster epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, the members of this body find it appropriate to acknowledge and applaud David Oyster for his dedication to the State of Tennessee and its citizens; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we congratulate David R. Oyster upon his receipt of the Boy Scouts of America's Silver Beaver Award, thank him for his meritorious service to his community and the State of Tennessee, and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.